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Budget Action Title: Do Pass C.B. 117024 - Seattle Department of Transportation Restricted Parking Zone Fees

Councilmembers: Budget Committee

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Council Bill or Resolution: 117024 /Gray Tab 34

Budget Committee Vote:

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11/12/2010	Pass 9-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Budget Action description:

C.B. 117024 (Gray Notebook Tab #34) would increase Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) fees from \$45 to \$65 and raise the guest permit fee from \$15 to \$30. The legislation would also change the current two-tiered 60-day temporary permit fee from \$10 (1st permit) and \$15 (2nd permit) to a flat \$25 fee for each. The increases are proposed in order to help recover costs associated with operating the RPZ Center. The fee increase along with a reduction in staffing to better align resources is expected to allow the RPZ Center to attain solvency in 2011. The amended fees are expected to result in additional operating fund revenues of \$287,000 in 2011 and \$242,000 in 2012. SDOT estimates that without the fee increases, there would be an operating deficit of \$320,000 in 2011 and the cost center would carry a negative fund balance until at least 2015.

Recommended Action: Do pass C.B. 117024 as proposed

Background: SDOT issues approximately 20,000 RPZ permits each year. Council last revised RPZ fees in 2009 but SDOT explains that though recent revenues have exceed expenditures, the initial years of the cost center created a substantial deficit and necessitates an additional increase in fees in order to bring the cost center to a break-even point in the near future. The initial deficits coupled with a decline in the projected growth of the number of permits and recent increases in costs due to new and expanded zones and other technology investments resulted in a year end fund balance of negative \$309,000 for the cost center in 2009.